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Captain Kyle Rekas

Re: Use of Force Reports 2019

Chief,

I have completed a review of the Response to Resistance/Non-Compliance Reports that were filed in 2019. Below is a list of statistics that were gathered from these reports. I have reviewed the details of each incident to document the present trends. After reviewing the incidents involving use of force, my conclusion is that there are no patterns that are evident or misuses of force that would require re-training.

Our present use of force reporting and command structure requires the following: Officers must complete a Response to Resistance/Non-Compliance Form in addition to their incident/arrest report. The incident narratives and Response to Resistance/Non-Compliance Forms are reviewed by a shift supervisor. The Response to Resistance/Non-Compliance Forms are then forwarded to the Office of Professional Standards for review and approval. This approval is documented as a Response to Non-Compliance Guardian Entry. Supervisors are required to immediately report any non-policy compliant use of force incidents to the Administrative Captain. Follow-up investigations are conducted and documented when warranted.

The Response to Non-Compliance Guardian entries are tracked as part of the department's Early Warning System. In 2019, there was one Early Warning System flag generated. I brought this your attention as well as Captain Sutton's. There were no issues with the officer flagged, he worked numerous shifts with a high call volume within a short period of time.

There were a total of twenty nine (29) Response to Non-Compliance Guardian entries and ten (10) Response/Non-Compliance Forms completed. The reason for

the disparity in numbers is due to events where multiple officers were involved and each receiving a separate Guardian Entry. Examples of this include:

July 15, 2019 Four (4) officers involved/September 13, 2019 Ten (10) officers involved/October 31, 2019 Three (3) officers involved/December 5, 2019 Five (5) officers involved.

The following will show what type of force was employed, the amount of times employed and any notes on the incident:

OC Spray was deployed in one incident with the spray having its desired effect.

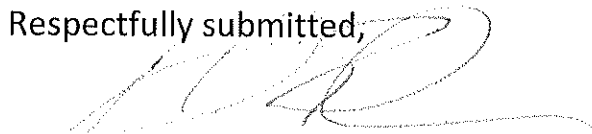
The Taser was deployed in one incident with its desired effect.

Firearms were brandished only, on four separate occasions all during felony interactions, with no shots fired.

Physical force was used on four occasions with complaints of only minor injuries that were documented correctly.

After reviewing these matters, it appears all Use of Force incidents are being documented correctly with no patterns of misuse that would require re-training.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Rekas', written over a horizontal line.

Captain Kyle Rekas

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